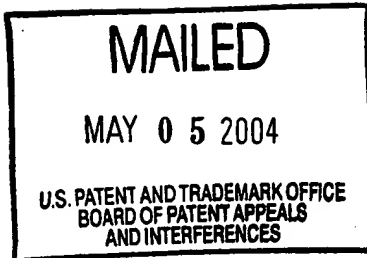


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Ex parte RICHARD CHANG
and
AMMY CHOU

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COMMUNICATION

On October 30, 2003, a REMAND TO THE EXAMINER (Paper No. 21) was mailed which requested that the examiner: (1) obtain English language translations for the Netherlands and Taiwanese references cited as prior art in the Examiner's Answer (Paper No. 17 mailed January 8, 2003); (2) clarify an inconsistency appearing on page 5 of the Examiner's Answer; and (3) provide the status of the amendment filed November 25, 2002. On December 5, 2003, a supplemental Examiner's Answer was mailed (Paper No. 22) which addressed all of the above problems. On April 26, 2004, George Tseng, attorney of record, was contacted by Dale Shaw, Program and Resource Administrator, who inquired whether a

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response had been filed to the supplemental Examiner's Answer mailed December 5, 2003 (Paper No. 22). On April 27, 2004, Mr. Tseng facsimile transmitted a "Letter in Response to Teleconference of April 26, 2004" (Paper No. 23) which stated that he had not received either the Remand from the Board (Paper No. 21) or the supplemental Examiner's Answer (Paper No. 22). It should be noted that both of the above-noted papers were mailed to the address on file (Seventh Floor, 1900 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA 90067-4308).

In response to Mr. Tseng's April 27, 2004 correspondence, copies of the October 30, 2003 remand and the December 5, 2003 supplemental Examiner's Answer (with translations) are being provided with a new mailing date and remailed. Appellant is given two months from the mailing date of this communication to respond to the Supplemental Examiner's Answer.

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